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**LUD 5684.2 CIP (10106926)****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Applicant : Jean-Christophe RENAULD et al.  
Serial No. : 09/919,162  
Filed : July 31, 2001  
For : ISOLATED NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES WHICH ENCODE  
A SOLUBLE IL-TIF RECEPTOR OR BINDING PROTEIN  
WHICH BINDS TO IL-TIF/IL-22, AND USES THEREOF  
Art Unit : 1646  
Examiner : Dong Jiang

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Sir:

Response to the office action of September 22, 2004, please amend this application as follows: